Bachelor of Science in Political Science

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)
The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements

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<td>Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS)</td>
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<td>Requirement [between two and five subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.</td>
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<td>Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement</td>
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<td>Laboratory Requirement (12 units) [can be satisfied by 17.803 in the Departmental Program]</td>
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<td>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</td>
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Physical Education Requirement
Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program
Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

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<td>17.THT &amp; 17.THU</td>
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| Restricted Electives 2 | 81-84 |

Unrestricted Electives 3 | 81-120 |

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs | (36-72) |

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree | 180 |

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

1 Students typically enroll in subjects as follows: 17.801, fall term, junior year; 17.803, spring term, junior year; 17.THT, fall term, senior year; 17.THU, spring term, senior year.

2 17.THT and 17.THU may be replaced by two additional elective subjects in Political Science.

3 This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.

Restricted Electives

Political Philosophy/Social Theory
Select one subject in political philosophy/social theory from the following:

- 17.007[J] Feminist Thought
- 17.01[J] Justice
- 17.021[J] Philosophy of Law
- 17.03 Introduction to Political Thought
- 17.031 American Political Thought
- 17.035[J] Libertarianism
- 17.04[J] Modern Conceptions of Freedom
- 17.045[J] Power: Interpersonal, Organizational, and Global Dimensions
- 17.05 Humane Warfare: Ancient and Medieval Perspectives on Ethics in War
- 17.055 Just Code: The Ethical Lifecycle of Machine Learning

American Politics
Select one subject in American politics from the following:

- 17.20 Introduction to the American Political Process
- 17.251 Congress and the American Political System I
- 17.263 Electoral Politics, Public Opinion, and Democracy
- 17.265 Public Opinion and American Democracy
- 17.269 Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics
### Political Science (Course 17)

| 17.271 | Mass Incarceration in the United States |
| 17.275 | Public Opinion Research Design and Training Seminar |
| 17.279 | Political Misinformation in the Age of Social Media |
| 17.28 | The War at Home: American Politics and Society in Wartime |

### Public Policy

Select one of the following options: 12

**Option 1**

Select one political science subject in public policy from the following:

- 17.30 | Making Public Policy
- 17.303 | Methods of Policy Analysis
- 17.307 | American Public Policy for Washington Interns
- 17.309 | Science, Technology, and Public Policy
- 17.315 | Health Policy
- 17.317 | US Social Policy
- 17.381 | Leadership in Negotiation: Advanced Applications
- 17.389 | Education, Inequality, and Politics
- 17.391 | Human Rights at Home and Abroad
- 17.393 | Environmental Law, Policy, and Economics: Pollution Prevention and Control
- 17.395 | Innovation Systems for Science, Technology, Energy, Manufacturing, and Health
- 17.399 | Global Energy: Politics, Markets, and Policy

**Option 2**

Select one subject in another field designated as fulfilling the public policy requirement

### International Politics

Select one of the following options: 12

**Option 1**

Select one subject in international relations / security studies from the following:

- 17.40 | American Foreign Policy: Past, Present, and Future
- 17.407 | Chinese Foreign Policy
- 17.41 | Introduction to International Relations
- 17.42 | Causes and Prevention of War
- 17.433 | International Relations of East Asia
- 17.445 | International Relations Theory in the Cyber Age
- 17.447 | Cybersecurity
- 17.449 | Emerging Technology and International Security
- 17.46 | US National Security Policy
- 17.473 | Nuclear Strategy and Proliferation
- 17.483 | US Military Power

### Option 2

Select one subject in comparative politics from the following:

- 17.50 | Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 17.503 | How Dictatorship Works
- 17.511 | Critical Perspectives on Data and Identity
- 17.53 | The Rise of Asia
- 17.537 | Politics and Policy in Contemporary Japan
- 17.55 | Introduction to Latin American Studies
- 17.561 | European Politics
- 17.565 | Israel: History, Politics, Culture, and Identity
- 17.569 | Russia’s Foreign Policy: Toward the Post-Soviet States and Beyond
- 17.57 | Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society: 1917 to the Present
- 17.577 | Electoral Politics in the Developing World
- 17.571 | Engineering Democratic Development in Africa
- 17.581 | Riots, Rebellions, Revolutions
- 17.591 | Research Seminar in Applied International Studies

1. 17.567, a 9-unit version of this subject that is taught during IAP, is also acceptable.